and exposed to militant attacks, following the early withdrawal of security forces from Northern Kashmir (as reported in the Indian Express of June 21, 1996); and

(b) if so, the number of persons including political activists, killed by militants in that area, during post-election period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS: (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) and (b) The Indian Express dated 21st June, 1996 does not carry any such report. However, according to available information two political activists of the Congress (I) were killed in terrorist violence in North Kashmir area viz. Districts Kupwara and Baramulla, during the period after the Lok Sabha elections. There is adequate deployment of security forces in the area and sustained pressure is being maintained on the militants to curb their activities.

पटना में भूमिगत सीवर लाइन का बिछाया जाना

1791. **श्री नागमणि:** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार पटना शहर में भूमिगत सीवर लाइन बिछाने पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्रालय में (राज्य मंत्री) (डा० यू० वेंकटस्वरलू): (क) और (ख) बिहार सरकार ने पटना शहर में जल आपूर्ति सीवरेज और कचरा-प्रबंध पर 159.686 करोड़ रुपए की अनुमानित लगात की एकमुश्त परियोजना रिपोर्ट भेजी है जिसे जापान के ओवरसीज इकानोमिक कोरपोरेशन फण्ड (ओ०ई०सी०एफ०) से विदेशी मदद के लिए भेजा गया है। सीवरेज घटक की लागत 64.146 करोड़ रुपए है और इसमें 300 मिली मीटर व्यास वाले 105 कि०मी० के मुख्य सीवर, 150 मि०मी० से 300 मि०मी० व्यास वाले 761 कि०मी० लम्बी शाखा-सीवर, तीन मध्यवर्ती लिफ्ट स्टेशन और 33 मिलियन लीटर दैनिक क्षमता का एक अतिरिक्त गन्दा पानी शोधन संयंत्र लगाने का प्रस्ताव है। ये सभी सुविधाएं सन् 2001 में 11.80 प्रायोजित आबादी की सुविधा के लिए है।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठाता।

Licences for Import and Distribution of LPG

1792. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINSITER be pleased to state:

(a) the private companies who have applied for licences for import and distribution of Liquified Pertroleum Gas, under parallel marketing system;

(b) the companies, out of the above, who have been granted such licences;

(c) the private companies presently operating in the market under the said marketing system and the licences since wound up; and

(d) whether any of those wound up have gone underground after collecting and grabing huge sums of public money from intending consumers; if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISIRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Under the parallel marketing system, private parties, have been allowed to import and market LPG, using/setting up their own infrastructure and distribution network, at market-determined prices, under their own terms. Private parties are not required to obtain only licence from the Ministry of Petroleum and natual Gas for undertaking activities under the scheme. They are, however, required to obtain clearances under the telenant Acts and Rules regarding safety, pollution control, etc., as applicable. The private parties are also new required to get themselves 'rated' from one of the approved rating agencies and submit a copy of the rating certificate to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural